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Dear Parents and Students

**A2 Geography Field Trip – North West Pacific Coast 2016**  
Information for Parents and Students

I have been able to examine the proposed lacrosse itinerary more closely and consider optimum times for the Geography focused sessions. Needless to say, Geography will be all around us throughout our trip, feeding the various topics for next year's A2 Unit 3 topics of Tectonics, Major Cities and Contemporary Conflict and Challenge. We will focus on data collection on 3 days for Unit 4A, the fieldwork and skills paper.

**Suggested Itinerary For Geography Sessions:**

It will be a busy trip, and given the fact that the work actively supports material for both A2 examinations, we will expect a properly serious and studious approach during the **Geography focused sessions**. In between the lacrosse games this is also an academic trip, and whilst it should be great fun, we will have at least three full days for a variety of fieldwork activities. The proposed order of these is given below.

Day	Detail
Day 1	Travel to Vancouver. Introductory briefing and scene-setting. Short evening work session.
Day 2	Fieldwork/Tour of <b>Vancouver</b> with guide, specific A2 data collection. Evening work session.
Day 3	More local Geography in Vancouver (independent data collection). Evening work session.
Day 7	Fieldwork/Tour of <b>Vancouver Island</b> with guide, specific A2 data collection. Evening work session.
Day 8	Ferry to Seattle
Day 10	Fieldwork/Tour of <b>Seattle</b> with guide, specific A2 data collection. Evening work session (unless with families).
Day 12	Geography <i>en route</i> back to Vancouver. Evening work session if not completed the day before.

After dinner each day there will be an evening work session where the day's data/information will be collated and analysed as well as important topic points reinforced. One of the major advantages of being part of such a large lacrosse group is that at each site we have helpful hands to complete perception surveys. There will of course be plenty of free time around all of this work so that the Geographers do not feel too disadvantaged.

I hope that this covers most of the questions you may have regarding the Geography element of the trip at this stage but please do not hesitate to get in touch with me should further queries arise.

Yours sincerely



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